

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :  
Østergaard et al. : Attorney Docket No.: 51402-226759  
Application No.: 10/565,437 : Art Unit: 3679  
Filed: January 20, 2006 : Examiner: J. Hewitt

Title: A SEALING ARRANGEMENT AND A COUPLING DEVICE AND A VALVE  
DEVICE PROVIDED WITH SUCH A SEALING ELEMENT

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the communication dated May 19, 2009.

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Applicants added claim 29 in the response dated February 18, 2009. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

Since claim 29 was added in the response dated February 18, 2009, claim 29 has not been examined by the Examiner. As such, no references have been applied against claim 29. Therefore, there is no omission in Applicants response to the office action dated September 18, 2008. There is no obligation for Applicants to prospectively argue the patentability of any claim with respect to any references that the Examiner might apply against a claim.

Claim 29 recites a multi-bore arrangement that can permit simultaneous connection of two or more coupling devices that is patentable over the cited references for the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable over the cited references as discussed in the response dated February 18, 2009.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this case, Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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